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31 October 1967

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, SB Division

SUBJECT : HEINE/RAUS Case

1. As you will recall, the HEINE/RAUS lawsuit is still before the Circuit Court of Appeals in Richmond and there is no indication when there will be a ruling on HEINE's appeal of the adverse decision he received in Baltimore. During the past months the undersigned has met RAUS occasionally, primarily for the purpose of keeping in touch with him. Contact has also been maintained by letter with Colonel Alfons REBANE whom [ ] and [ ] debriefed in Germany regarding HEINE in September 1966.

2. During the debriefing of REBANE the idea developed that, at some time after the legal proceedings are over, HEINE be summoned before a commission of the Estonian World Council--a so-called "Court of Honor"--and asked to explain the inconsistencies in his history. At the time REBANE, who would be a member of such a commission, was confident that he could demolish HEINE's story.

3. At the present time REBANE is visiting in the United States and RAUS, who has met REBANE several times in the past in connection with the Estonian World Legion, has invited him to visit at his home from 2 to 5 November. It is planned that the undersigned and DC/SB/CI will have lunch with RAUS and REBANE on 3 November. Inevitably, the discussion will revolve around the possibility of HEINE being called before a Court of Honor by the emigration. Such a procedure would probably have relatively little impact in discrediting HEINE in the eyes of the general public, but it would have a salutary effect upon the emigration. I propose that our position be tentative encouragement of such a Court of Honor if it is held after completion of all legal proceedings and if the input of CIA time

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and effort can be kept to a minimum so as to be consistent with the overall propaganda value of the procedure. If we lose the law case, the value of the Court of Honor would be considerably greater and might be worth considerable effort on our part.

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